

# Financial Aid FAQs

## GENERAL FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS

You can reach us at 435-586-7735, [Finaid@suu.edu](mailto:Finaid@suu.edu) or by visiting our office in the Sharwan Smith Center, Room 167. [www.suu.edu/ss/financial](http://www.suu.edu/ss/financial). Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am until 5:00pm.

### How do I apply for Financial Aid?

In two easy steps:

- Go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and request a PIN number. This is your electronic signature. Don't lose it!
- Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and fill out the federal application
- This is how you become eligible for grants, loans and the work-study program

### Where can I see what Financial Aid I have been offered?

To see your financial aid award, go to <http://www.suu.edu>. Select "MySUU Portal" and login. Click on "Financial Aid" then "My Award Information". View your award by "Aid Year". Select the correct aid year, click on the link "Award", then click the tab that says "Award Overview".

### Who is my Financial Aid Counselor?

Your financial aid counselor is chosen by your last name and you can see who that is by going to [www.suu.edu/ss/financial/contact.html](http://www.suu.edu/ss/financial/contact.html)

### What is FERPA?

The Family Education Right-to-Privacy Act is a law designed to keep your personal information safe. It means that *no one*, not parents, not siblings, not spouses, will have access to your information without your written consent. The Financial Aid Office takes this very seriously and will not release your information to anyone unless you sign a release. You may pick up the form in our office or print it off the internet. Please note that you must sign this release in the presence of a member of our staff or a Notary Public. Faxed signatures are not acceptable.

### When can I pick up my refund check?

Refunds are sent out the first day of classes. They will be sent direct deposit if you have it set up. If you do not have direct deposit set up then they will be mailed to your permanent address that the school has on file. You can sign up for direct deposit on your portal under direct deposit. We highly encourage you to do this because it is the fastest way for you to receive your refund.

## WORK-STUDY QUESTIONS

### What is "work-study"?

The Federal work-study program provides part time jobs for students to work in an on-campus job

You can apply for work-study job positions by going to <http://www.suu.edu> and selecting "My SUU Portal". Log in, and select "Employment Opportunities" on the right hand side. Select "work-study" when you specify the job type.

## LOAN QUESTIONS

### What is a “Direct” Loan?

Direct Stafford Loans are offered to students that fill out the FAFSA. They are low-interest loans for students to help pay for the cost of a college education. The lender is the U.S. Department of Education rather than a bank or other financial institution.

For more information, go to <http://www.direct.ed.gov/student.html>.

### What is a Federal Perkins Loan?

The Federal Perkins Loan Program is a school-based loan program for undergraduates and graduate students with exceptional financial need. Under this program, the school is the lender. Funds are limited, Students wanting this loan will need to meet and speak with their Financial Aid Counselor.

## SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS

### How do I apply for scholarships?

#### INCOMING FRESHMEN

If you meet SUU’s scholarship requirements and apply for admission before the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, you will automatically be considered for scholarships.

#### CURRENT/RETURNING SUU STUDENTS

Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, scholarship applications will be available here:

<http://www.suu.edu/ss/financial/scholarships.html>.

#### TRANSFER STUDENTS

If you meet SUU’s scholarship requirements and apply for admission before March 1<sup>st</sup>, you will automatically be considered for scholarship.

You can also look for scholarships from outside sources on the following websites:

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.Scholarship.com](http://www.Scholarship.com)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com)

### What does College cost?

#### 2014-2015

<u>Undergraduate –Non Resident Off- Campus</u>	
	<u>Fall/Spring</u>
Tuition	17,873
Fees	722
Books & Supplies	1,600
Room & Board	7,500
Miscellaneous	2,400
Transportation	2,400
Loan Fees	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,545</b>

<u>Undergraduate – Resident Off-Campus</u>	
	<u>Fall/Spring</u>
Tuition	5,416
Fees	722
Books & Supplies	1,600
Room & Board	7,500
Miscellaneous	2,400
Transportation	2,400
Loan Fees	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,088</b>

This is not your bill. These are standard costs incurred by all full-time students who attend SUU for the Fall and Spring semesters. These are just standard expenses that students have to pay to live while they are in school. Most of these costs are not paid to SUU, they are average living expenses to give you an idea of how much it may cost to come to college in Cedar City. If you need help meeting additional expenses, contact your

Financial Aid Counselor to see if there are other financial aid options. You can also contact the cashier's office to see if a payment plan is a good option for you.